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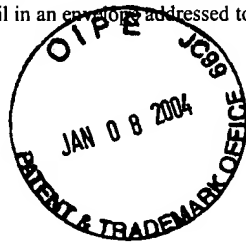
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Art Unit: 1634

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of some of the references listed on PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B can be found in U.S. Application No. 08/846,017, filed 04/25/1997 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002920US). All other references are enclosed herewith.

Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the following co-pending patent applications:

1. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/432,503, filed 11-02-1999, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-0002611US;
2. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/721,477, filed 11-22-2000, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002914US;

3. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/721,506, filed 11-22-2000, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002916US; and
4. U.S. Patent App. No. 09/974,584, filed 11-19-1997, Applicant Cech et al., Attorney Docket No. 015389-002950US.

To comply with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(iii), the specifications, drawings and currently pending claims for U.S. Application No. 09/432,503 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002611US) and U.S. Application No. 09/974,584 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002950) are enclosed. The currently pending claims from U.S. Application Nos. 09/721,477 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002614US) and 09/721,506 (Attorney Docket No. 015389-002616US) are also enclosed; copies of the specification and drawings for these latter two applications are not enclosed because these applications are the same as US Application No. 09/432,503.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

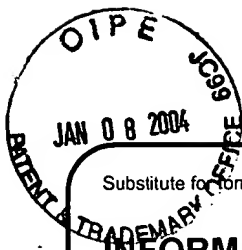
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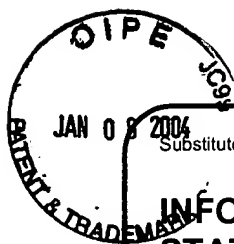
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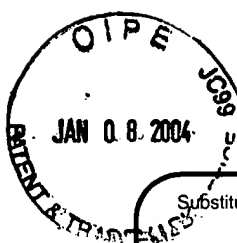
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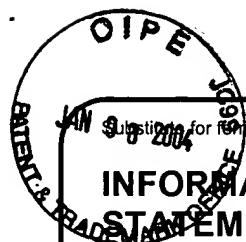
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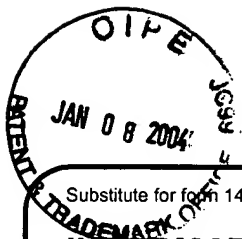
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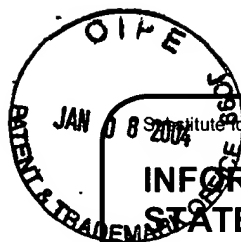
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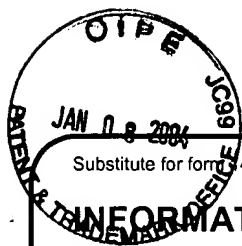
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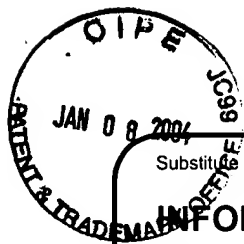
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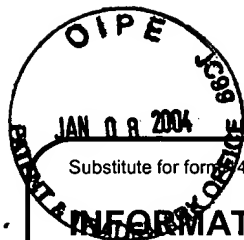
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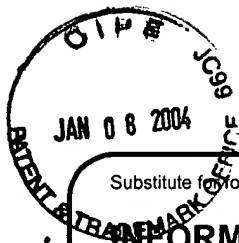
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